CMD of Cotton Corporation of India

6585. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the term of CMD of Cotton Corporation of India, Limited had expired long back;

(b) whether interviews have not been held to allow the present incumbent to continue in the post; and

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (c) The present term of CMD of Cotton Corporation of India was upto 21-9-93. After the approval from Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB), the proposal to grant further extension to the CMD is under consideration of the Government.

Capacity Utilisation in Cotton Spinning Mills in Tamil Nadu

6586. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cotton Spinning Mills in Tamil Nadu are utilising their full capacity;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the names of the cotton spinning mills in Tamil Nadu utilizing their full capacity; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for smooth functioning of these mills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (d) As on 31.12.93, there were 479 Cotton/Man-made Fibre Spinning Mills in the State of Tamil Nadu. The capacity utilisation of spinning mills as a whole in Tamil Nadu during 1993-94 was about 88% as against the national average utilisation of 84%.

Notification of Export Quota of Garments

6587. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Textiles has recently issued a notification on the export quota of garments;

(b) whether manufacturers/exporters who have been getting 20 per cent of the export quota till 1993, are allowed only 2 per cent this year;

(c) what are the reasons for this change; and

(d) what action Government are taking on the representations received from nanufacturers/exporters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. V.ENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (d) In the Garment Export Entitlement Allotment Policy (Quota Policy) for 1994-96 the percentage of allocation for Manufacturer Exporters' Entitlement (MEE) has been retained at the same level as before i.e. 20%.

However, in the new policy this 20% allocation was divided between "existing manufacturer exporters" and "new manufacturer exporters" as 18% and 2% respectively. The policy defined "new manufacturer exporters" as those who had a past performance entitlement of nil to 10,000 pes for all country/categories taken together for the year preceding the allotment year. The policy also provided that the allocation to existing manufacturer exporters will be related to the categories in which they had a past performance while in the case of new manufacturer exporters options would be obtained. These changes were introduced with a view to minimise the scope for wrong declaration regarding production capacity by the exporters.

When the above policy was implemented the Government received representations on behalf of certain manufacturer exporters who had been